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SUBJ: SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. SOVIET JOURNALISTS ARE INDICATING TO THEIR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES IN MOSCOW THAT THE USSR IS ON THE VERGE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THEY CLAIM THAT THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL IS VIKTOR LESSIOVSKY (FORMERLY WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT AND A LEADING FIGURE IN BARRON'S BOOK ON THE KGB). LESSIOVSKY HAS TOLD US RECENTLY THAT HE IS ANGLING FOR AN IMPORTANT MIDDLE EAST ASSIGNMENT. U.S. CORRESPONDENT HERE ALSO TELLS US CORRESPONDENT FROM ONE OF MAJOR ISRAELI PAPERS WILL VISIT MOSCOW FOR TWO WEEKS IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. WE HAVE NO DIRECT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT RUMORS ABOUT MOVEMENT IN SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS. NONETHELESS, RECENT SHIFTS IN SOVIET PUBLIC TREATMENT OF ME ARE CONSISTENT WITH POSSIBLE MOVE TOWARD TEL AVIV.

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A. SOVIET PUBLIC TREATMENT OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN LESS HARSH SINCE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD, AND RABIN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TREATED WITH RELATIVE MODERATION.

B. STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION HAS DECLINED IN RECENT WEEKS.

C. SOVIETS HAVE CAREFULLY DOCUMENTED RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS, REPORTING SYRIAN INTENT TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH U.S. AND COVERING PRESIDENT'S EXTENSIVE ME ITINERARY.

D. SOVIETS HAVE PLAYED THEME THAT U.S. IS SEEKING TO REGULARIZE RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD, LEAVING ROOM FOR SOVIET CASE THAT USSR SHOULD DO NO LESS WITH ISRAEL.

E. SOVIETS HAVE CHARACTERIZED AS "SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT" THE ATTAINMENT OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD AND COMMITMENT TO GO TO GENEVA TO DISCUSS "KEY ELEMENTS" OF ME SETTLEMENT, A CHARACTERIZATION THEY SPECIFICALLY DENIED TO EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI SEPARATION OF FORCES.

3. LOGICALLY IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT AT SOME POINT MOSCOW WILL SEE ADVANTAGES OF MOVE TOWARD ISRAEL AS OUTWEIGHING OBJECTIONS OF ARABS. AND FACTORS PRO AND CON IN SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF THIS STEP MAY WELL BE MORE EQUALLY BALANCED NOW THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE OCTOBER WAR. STOESEL

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